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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-2080]

Engelhard Corp.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Engelhard Corp. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of a solution of 1-naphthalenesulfonic acid, 2-[(2-hydroxy-6-sulfo-1-naphthalenyl)azo]-, strontium salt (1:1) and 2-naphthalenesulfonic acid, 5-[4-chloro-5-ethyl-2-sulfophenyl)azo]-6-hydroxy-, strontium salt (1:1) (C.I. Pigment Red 277) as a colorant for polymers intended for use in contact with food.

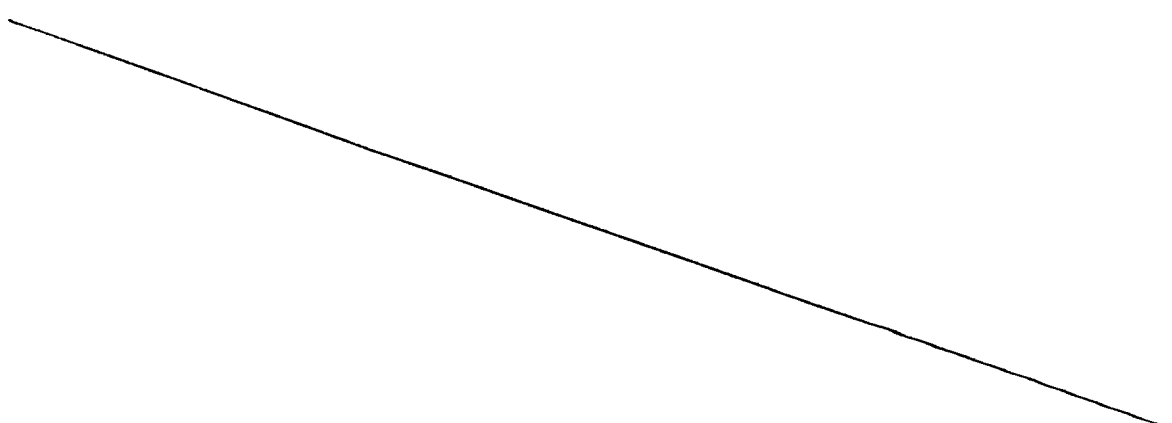
ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 9B4667) has been filed by Engelhard Corp., 3400 Bank St., Louisville, KY 40212. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.3297 Colorants for polymers (21 CFR 178.3297) to provide for the safe use of a solution of 1-naphthalenesulfonic acid, 2-[(2-hydroxy-6-sulfo-1-naphthalenyl)azo]-, strontium salt (1:1) and 2-naphthalenesulfonic acid, 5-[4-chloro-5-ethyl-2-sulfophenyl)azo]-6-hydroxy-, strontium salt (1:1) (C.I. Pigment Red 277) as a colorant for polymers intended for use in contact with food.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively



have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: June 11, 1999.
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